

# МАККАРТИЗМ & THE RED SCARE

## THE RED SCARE



Throughout the 1940s and 1950s America was overwhelmed with concerns about the threat of **КОММУНИЗМ** growing in Eastern Europe and China. Capitalizing on those concerns, a young senator named **ДЖОЗЕФ МАККАРТИ** made a public accusation that more than two hundred "card-carrying" communists had infiltrated the United States government. Though eventually his accusations were proven to be untrue, and he was censured by the Senate for unbecoming conduct, his zealous campaigning ushered in one of the most repressive times in 20th-century American politics.

While the **HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** had been formed in 1938 as an anti-communist organization, McCarthy's accusations heightened the political tensions of the times. Known as **МАККАРТИЗМ**, the paranoid hunt for infiltrators was notoriously difficult on writers and entertainers, many of whom were labeled communist sympathizers and were unable to continue working. Some had their passports taken away, while others were jailed for refusing to give the names of other communists. The trials, which were well publicized, could often destroy a career with a single unsubstantiated accusation. In all, three hundred and twenty artists were blacklisted, and for many of them this meant the end of exceptional and promising careers.

1. Fears of a nuclear attack and spread of communism led to a \_\_\_\_\_ in the late 1940s + 1950s
  - a. Americans grew worried about communists + \_\_\_\_\_ living in America
2. The Loyalty Review Board was created to investigate + dismiss "disloyal" \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ (HUAC) investigated suspected \_\_\_\_\_ in the entertainment + other industries
  - b. Red Scare fears in America were heightened by the discovery of \_\_\_\_\_ working for the USSR
3. State Department employee \_\_\_\_\_ was convicted of spying for the USSR
  - a. ii. Julius + Ethel \_\_\_\_\_ were executed for passing \_\_\_\_\_ secrets to the USSR
4. In 1950, Wisconsin senator \_\_\_\_\_ emerged as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the anti-communist Red Scare
5. He attacked Truman for allowing communists to \_\_\_\_\_ the government
  - a. ii. He used \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ accusations against suspected communists in the State Department + the U.S. military
  - b. iii. " \_\_\_\_\_ " did not result in a single confirmed communist or spy in the U.S. gov't

## **MAFIA**

After completing the Mafia simulation in class, answer the following question in a **detailed** paragraph:

How does the Mafia game played in class relate to United States History? *(hint: think about paranoia, emotions, historical detail, etc.)*

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